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March 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer Character Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona ASSISTANT Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Jodi Winship/Sari Pickerall (

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012 30 Day Post-General Report

(Unauthorized Filers) For The Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file or timely file the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). The list is comprised of unauthorized committees that failed to file or timely file the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report.

The committees appearing on the 30 Day Post-General Report list either failed to file the report, within thirty (30) days of the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties indicated in the attachment.

In order to determine the level of activity for unauthorized quarterly filers that failed to file or failed to timely file the 30 Day Post-General Report, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) used the following procedures and criteria:

 Every 30 Day Post-General Report (30 Day Report) submitted by an unauthorized quarterly filer that covered the period from October 1, 2012 through November 26, 2012 (57 days), was reviewed for activity which would have required the filing of a 12 Day Report. If our research indicated that the filing of a 12 Day Report was required, we utilized a two-step method to arrive at the estimated level of activity on which to base the fine amount. First, if the committee had any unitemized activity, a per diem level of activity was used by multiplying the total amount of activity on the report by 25% (17 days (12G Filing Period)/57 days (30G Filing Period)). The committees identified through this process as failing to file or failing to timely file the 12 Day Pre-General Report were included in the Reason to Believe Recommendation circulated to the Commission on March 28, 2013. If the same committee also failed to file the 30 Day Report in a timely manner, we based the 30 Day Report fine on the amount of the remaining level of activity. We arrived at this amount by subtracting the estimated level of activity for the 12 Day Report from the total amount of activity on the 30 Day Report. In these cases, the committees will also be assessed a fine for the 30 Day Reports based on the estimated levels of activity described above and are included on the attached list.

Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Reports violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Reports.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

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AF#	Committee	Committee Name	Candidate	Treasurer	Threshold	A	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
2671	C004	CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC		DAVID W. HAYS	\$146,325	-	1/31/2013	Not Filed	\$2,000	\$312
2672	2672 C00422352	IBERDROLA RENEWABLES, INC.		RICHARD A GLICK	\$119,987	0	1/14/2013	Not Filed	\$25,473	\$990
2673	C00451518	CROWE PAC		ROBERT W. LAZARD	\$267,737	0	12/12/2012	ဖ	\$24,149	\$140
2674	C00468009	EDWARDS WILDMAN PAC		КЕІТН КОТLER	\$418,082	0	2/22/2013	Not Filed	\$22,291	\$550
2675	C00163956	I.U.O.E LOCAL 15 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTE		ROBERT J. BURNS,	\$756,776	0	12/28/2012	22	\$29,995	\$640
2676	C00495259	IMMIGRATION911, LLC		STANLEY P. DULL	\$505,587	-	2/13/2013	Not Filed	\$24,971	\$687
2677	C00354613	INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		MARTIN	\$109,509	-	1/30/2013	Not Filed	\$9,208	\$412
2678	C00417717	KENTUCKY FORWARD PAC		R. WAYNE STRATTON	\$116,770	0	2/6/2013	Not Filed	\$17,293	\$550
2679	C00426320	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA		TODD SINGER	\$175,056	3	1/31/2013	Not Filed	\$10,231	\$962
2680	C00357905	DEPUTIES POLITICAL ACTION		MIKE CAZES	\$568,859	0	12/21/2012	15	\$23,867	\$185
2681	2681 C00426809	MADISON PAC, THE		BRIAN J. AHERN	\$694,588	0	12/23/2012	17	\$20,236	\$195
2682	2682 C00188011	CARRIERS INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		WILLIAM A. USHER	\$114,493	0		Not Filed	\$1,747	\$250

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12/13/2012	
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W. THOMAS MCCUNE, JR.	
PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION #25 FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUND	
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Reason To Believe Recommendation –	í
2012 30 Day Post-General Report	í
(Unauthorized Filers) For The	í
Administrative Fine Program:	í
CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC.) AF# 2671
and DAVID W HAYS as treasurer;)
CLEAN ENERGY PAC OF IBERDROLA) AF# 2672
RENEWABLES, INC., and GLICK,)
RICHARD A as treasurer;)
CROWE PAC, and LAZARD, ROBERT) AF# 2673
W. MR. as treasurer;	j
EDWARDS WILDMAN PAC INC, and) AF# 2674
KOTLER, KEITH as treasurer;)
I.U.O.E LOCAL 15 POLITICAL ACTION) AF# 2675
COMMITTE, and BURNS, ROBERT J. as)
treasurer;)
IMMIGRATION911, LLC, and STANLEY) AF# 2676
P DULL as treasurer;)
INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA)) AF# 2677
LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION)
COMMITTEE, and MARTIN MASCUILLI)
as treasurer;)
KENTUCKY FORWARD PAC, and) AF# 2678
WAYNE STRATTON as treasurer;)
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA,) AF# 2679
and TODD SINGER as treasurer;)
LOUISIANA SHERIFFS AND DEPUTIES) AF# 2680
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and)
CAZES, MIKE as treasurer;)
MADISON PAC; THE, and AHERN,) AF# 2681
BRIAN J. MR. as treasurer;)
NATIONAL TANK TRUCK CARRIERS) AF# 2682
INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE,)
and WILLIAM A USHER as treasurer;)

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SIOBHAN BENNETT as treasurer;

UNION #25 FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUND, and W THOMAS MCCUNE JR as treasurer;)))	AF# 2064
WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and)	AF# 2687
KENT, J. MR. WIMMER as treasurer; WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR I M. and)	AF# 2688

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on April 01, 2013 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2012 30 Day Post
General Report (Unauthorized Filers) For The Administrative Fine Program as

recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated March 29, 2013,

on the following committees:

AF#2671 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC, and DAVID W HAYS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2672 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CLEAN ENERGY PAC OF IBERDROLA RENEWABLES, INC., and GLICK, RICHARD A as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil

money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmetively for the decision.

AF#2673 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CROWE PAC, and LAZARD, ROBERT W. MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2674 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that EDWARDS WILDMAN PAC INC, and KOTLER, KEITH as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money panalty would be fine aenount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintmanh voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2675 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that I.U.O.E LOCAL 15 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTE, and BURNS, ROBERT J. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2676 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that IMMIGRATION911, LLC, and STANLEY P DULL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2677 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARTIN MASCUILLI as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II. Petersen. Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2678 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that KENTUCKY FORWARD PAC, and WAYNE STRATTON as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2679 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA, and TODD SINGER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would

be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2680 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LOUISIANA SHERIFFS AND DEPUTIES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and CAZES, MIKE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2681 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MADISON PAC; THE, and AHERN, BRIAN J. MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2682 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL TANK TRUCK CARRIERS INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and WILLIAM A USHER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2684 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION #25 FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUND, and W THOMAS MCCUNE JR as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2687 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and KENT, J. MR. WIMMER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2688 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FORUM, and SIOBHAN BENNETT as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

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Date

Shaum Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



April 2, 2013

W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in official capacity as Treasurer Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund 4600 - 46th Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

C00137794 AF#: 2684

Dear Mr. McCune:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 30 Day Post-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held. This report, covering the period through November 26, 2012, shall be filed no later than December 6, 2012. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was filed on December 13, 2012, seven (7) days late.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money ponalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On April 1, 2013, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before December 6, 2012. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$145. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$145 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 11, 2013, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$11,753 Number of Days Late: 7

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your

committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or May 11, 2013. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or eulculated civil unney penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a citallange to be considered on lice basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) iteasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service pravider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Eller L. Weinto and

Ellen L. Weintraub

Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$145 for the 2012 Post-General Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by May 11, 2013. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund

FEC ID#: C00137794

AF#: 2684

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 11, 2013

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$145

Federal Election Commission Office of Administrative Review 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

C00137794 AF#: 2684

Dear Ellen,

My name is Tameka Toney and I am a Union Secretary for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25. I am responsible for completing the FEC reports for my supervisor, W. Thomas McCune, to approve before submitting. During the 2012 Election filing season, our local union was transitioning between secretaries. The transition was abrupt and fraught with challenges as major issues with our financial and political record keeping needed to be corrected. I was delegated the task of not only training the naw secretary, but I was also promoted and given the responsibility of filing the Federal Political Committee Reports. There was limited in-house training and knowledge of how to file the reports and needless to say, I was overwhelmed.

I am asking the Federal Election Committee to waive the late filing fee not because I believe I deserve special treatment, but rather for the following reasons:

- 1. The number of previous civil money penalties assessed against our committee is zero, denoting a long standing respect of, and adhorance to, FEC filing deadlines
- 2. My best efforts to ensure timely filing all of reports were surely given, notwithstanding the reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were out of my control.

If the civil penalty fine of \$145 cannot be waived, I ask then that the fine be stayed and only become active if a similar incident occurs within the next filing cycle of the 2014 election season. I am confident that this incident will never occur again under my watch. I now have the expertise and wherewithal to manage the tasks that have been delegated to me in regards to the FEC filings.

Your consideration of my request is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tameka Toney

c/o

W. Thomas McCune Jr. Business Manager

WTM/TLT Enclosure



Via First Class Mail

May 10, 2013

W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in official capacity as Treasurer Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund 4600 46th Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

C00137794

AF#: 2684

Dear Mr. McCune:

On May 10, 2013, the Commission received the written response ("challenge") which is being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Review. If you have any questions regarding the challenge, please contact this Office on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely,

Philum Maguder
Rhiannon Magruder
Acting Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Date: May 13, 2013

REFERRAL TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHALLENGE RECEIVED

AF#: 2684

Committee Name: Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action

Committee Fund

Committee ID#: C(ff)137794

Committee Address (if different than in RTB letter): N/A

Treasurer Name (if different than in RTB finding): N/A

Attachments:

- Copy of RTB Circulation Report, dated March 29, 2013 and RTB Certification, dated April 2, 2013 (Y/N): Previously Forwarded
- Proof of Delivery (to be forwarded at later if ate if not yet received) (Y/N): Y
- Other Relevant Telecoms (Y/N): N
- Original Correspondence Received by RAD in Response to RTB Letter (Y/N): N
- RAD Staff Declaration (Y/N): Y
 - -2012 30 Day Post-General Report Notices, dated September 21, 2012 and November 12, 2012.
 - -Non-Filer Letter, dated December 14, 2012.
 - -RTB Letter, dated April 2, 2013.
- Other RAD Information: (Y/N): N



Delivery Notification

Dear Customer,

This notice serves as proof of delivery for the shipment listed below.

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04/02/2013

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04/03/2013 10:27 A.M.

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4600 46TH AVE

ROCK ISLAND, IL, US 61201

Location:

RECEPTION

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely, **UPS**

Tracking results provided by UPS: 04/04/2013 5:07 P.M. ET

DECLARATION OF KRISTIN DECARMINE

- 1. I am the Acting Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Acting Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the initial processing of the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
- 2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Fedoral Political Action Committee Fund:
 - A) Report Notices, dated October 1, 2012 and November 12, 2012, referencing the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report (sent via electronic mail to: tom@lu25.org);
 - B) Non-Filer Letter, dated December 14, 2012, referencing the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report;
 - C) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated April 2, 2013 referencing the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report.
- 3. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund filed the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report with the Commission on December 13, 2012.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that all relevant telecoms for the matter have been provided. This declaration was executed at Washington, D.C. on the 31st day of May, 2013.

Kristin DeCarmine

Acting Chief, Compliance Branch

Reports Analysis Division

Federal Election Commission



GENERAL ELECTION

REPORT NOTICE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PARTIES AND PACs

October 1, 2012

CURRENT REPORT DUE

I. QUARTERLY FILERS THAT MAKE GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 17

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General ²	10/01/12 - 10/17/12	10/22/12	10/25/12
Post-General	10/18/12 - 11/26/12	12/06/12	12/06/12

II. QUARTERLY FILERS THAT <u>DO NOT</u> MAKE GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 17 ³

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	REPORTING	OVERNIGHT MAILING.	FIDING
		DEADLINE	The Avenue
REPORT	PERIOD - A. Y.	DEADLINE	DEADLINE
Post-General	10/01/12 - 11/26/12	12/06/12	12/06/12

REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2012

	REPORTING	REG/CERT. & OVERNICHT MAILING	ÆILING
REPORT Year-End	PERIOD 1 11/26/12 - 12/31/12	DEADLINE 01/31/13	DEADLINE 01/31/13

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¹A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

²Required only if committee makes contributions or expenditures in connection with the general election during the reporting period.

³Committees that made general election contributions or expenditures before October 1 and did not previously disclose them must also follow Chart I.

2012 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION PACS AND PARTY COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

WHO MUST FILE

All Party Committees and PACs (Nonconnected Committees and Separate Segregated Funds) must file either quarterly or monthly reports in 2012. See 11 CFR 104.5(c). Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See 11 CFR 102.3. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

Electronic Filing

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See 11 CFR 104.5(e). See also 11 CFR 104.18 and 100.19.

- Web Pago: Electronic Filing Page
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected Committees (Nonconnected), pp. 51-53 [PDF]; Corporations and Labor Organizations (SSF), pp. 49-51 [PDF]; Political Party Committees (Party), pp. 69-71 [PDF].

Paper Filing -- Meeting the Filing Deadline

Paper report filing options – Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e). See also 11 CFR 100.19.

- Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 47-48 [PDF]; SSF, pp. 45-46 [PDF]; Party, p. 65 [PDF].

CHANGE IN FILING FREQUENCY

Committees able to change their reporting schedule (for example, from monthly to quarterly) who wish to do so must notify the Commission in writing and may change their filing frequency no more than once per calendar year. See 11 CFR 104.5(c).

- Web Page: Filing Frequency by Type of Committee
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, p. 51 [PDF]; SSF, p. 49 [PDF]; Party, p. 67 [PDF].

2012 REPORTING SCHEDULE

- Web Page: 2012 Reporting Dates Page
- The Record:
 - o FEC Record Blog: Reporting
 - o January 2012 issue [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: <u>Nonconnected, pp. 49-51</u> [PDF]; <u>SSF, pp. 46-48</u> [PDF]; <u>Party, pp. 67-68</u> [PDF].

PRE-ELECTION REPORTING

Quarterly filing committees that make contributions or expenditures (including independent expenditures) in connection with an election must also file a Pre-Election Ruport, if the activity was not previously reported. See 11 CFR 104.5(c)(1)(ii).

- Web Page: 2012 Congressional Pre-Primary Reporting Dates Page
- The Record:
 - o FEC Record Blog: Reporting
 - o January 2012 issue [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 49-51 [PDF]; SSF, pp. 46-48 [PDF]; Party, pp. 67-68 [PDF].

COMPLIANCE

Treasurer Responsibility

Committee treasurers are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. See 11 CFR 104.14(d).

- Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceeding [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 3-4 [PDF]; SSF, pp. 1-2 [PDF]; Party, pp. 6-7 [PDF].

Administrative Fine Program

Failure to file reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- or non-filers). See 11 CFR 111.43(b). See generally, 11 CFR Part 111 Subpart B. See also 11 CFR 111.43.

- Web Page: Administrative Fine Program Page
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 48-49 [PDF]; SSF, p. 46 [PDF]; Party, p. 66 [PDF].

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Party committees and Leadership PACs must file <u>FEC Form 3L</u> [PDF] if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,700 during the applicable reporting period (see page 1 of this notice). See 11 CFR 104.22 and 11 CFR 110.17(f).

■ The Record: March 2009 issue [PDF]

48- AND 24-HOUR REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

Any PAC or Party Committee that makes independent expenditures in 2012 may have to disclose this activity within 48- or 24-hours based upon the date and amount of the expenditure.

See 11 CFR 104.4(b)(2) and (c). See generally, 11 CFR 104.4.

- Web Page: State-by-state chart of 2012 48- and 24-hour periods for independent expenditures
- Campaign Guide: <u>Nonconnected, pp. 72-74</u> [PDF]; <u>SSF, pp. 65-67</u> [PDF];
 <u>Party, pp. 87-89</u> [PDF].

These reports are not required when a PAC or Party Committee makes a contribution directly to a candidate.

FOR INFORMATION, CALL: (800) 424-9530 or (202) 694-1100



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PARTIES AND PACS

November 12, 2012

**** **REMINDER** ****

All party committees and PACs (nonconnected committees and separate segregated funds) must file a Post-General Election Report.

Reports sent by Registered or Certified Mail must be postmarked by the mailing deadline (December 6, 2012). If using Overnight Mail, the delivery service must receive the report by the mailing deadline (December 6, 2012). Otherwise, the report must be received by the filing deadline (December 6, 2012).



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W THOMAS MCCUNE JR, TREASURER
PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION #25 FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
FUND
4600 - 46TH AVENUE
ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00137794

REFERENCE: POST-GENERAL REPORT 10/1/2012 - 11/26/2012

DEAR TREASURER:

It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that you may have failed to file the above referenced report of receipts and disbursements or failed to file a report covering the entire reporting period as required by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended.

It is important that you file this report immediately with the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Please note that <u>electronic filers must submit their reports electronically</u>, as per 11 CFR §104.18. A copy of the report or relevant portions must also be filed with the Secretary of State or equivalent State officer unless the State is exempt from the federal requirement to receive and maintain paper copies. You can verify the Commission's receipt of any documents submitted by your committee on the FEC website at www.fec.gov.

The failure to timely file a complete seport may result in civil money penalties, an andit or legal enforcement action. The civil money penalty calculation for late penalts does not include a grace period and begins on the day following the due date for the report. Due to heightened security screening measures, delivery of mail by the US Postal Service may be delayed. The Commission recommends that you submit your report via overnight delivery or courier service.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Marlene Colucci in the Reports Analysis Division on our toll free number (800)424-9530. Our local number is (202)694-1130.

Sincerely,

Nessie Charen a

Debbie Chacona Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division (RAD)





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June 3, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To:

The Commission

Through:

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From:

Patricia C. Orrock POP

Chief Compliance Officer

Rhiannon Magruder PM Acting Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Subject:

Reviewing Officer Recommendation in AF# 2684 - Plumbers and Pipefitters

Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas

McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer (C00137794)

The attached Reviewing Officer Recommendation is being circulated on an informational basis. A copy was also sent to the respondents in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The respondents may file with the Commission Secretary a written response within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation.

After the 10 day period, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation and the respondents' written response, if any, will be circulated to the Commission to make a final determination.

Attachment



June 3, 2013

REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ("OAR")

AF# 2684 – Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer (C00137794)

Summary of Recommendation

Make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$145 civil money penalty.

Reason-to-Believe Background

The 2012 30 Day Post-General Report was due on December 6, 2012. The respondents filed the report on December 13, 2012, 7 days late. The report is not election sensitive and was filed within 30 days of the due date; therefore, the report is considered late. 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.43(d)(1) and (e)(1).

On April 1, 2013, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report and also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$145 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. A letter daired April 2, 2013 was mailed to the respondents' address of record by the Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") to notify them of the Commission's RTB findings and civil money penalties.

Legal Requirements

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("Act") states that the treasurer of a political committee not authorized by a candidate shall file, in an election year, a post-general election report no later than 30 days after any general election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(c)(1)(iii). If the report is sent by registered or certified mail, by Express or Priority Mail with delivery eonfirmation or by overnight delivery service with an online tracking system, and scheduled for next business day delivery, it must be postmarked, or deposited with the mailing service, no later than the filing deadline to be timely filed. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(5), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.19(b) and 104.5(e). The treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d).

Respondents' Challenge

On May 10, 2013, the Commission received the written response ("challenge") from the Committee's reports preparer, Ms. Tameka Toney, challenging the RTB finding. The challenge states:

"...During the 2012 Election filing season, our local union was transitioning between secretaries. The transition was abrupt and fraught with challenges as major issues with our financial and political record keeping needed to be corrected. I was delegated the task of not only training the new secretary, but I was also promoted and given the responsibility of filing the [FEC] reports. There was limited in-house training and knowledge of how to file the reports and needless to say, I was overwhelmed..."

The challenge requests that the penalty be waived considering the Committee's previous compliance record and Ms. Toney's best efforts to file. In the alternative, the challenge requests "...that the fine be stayed and only become active if a similar incident occurs within the [2014 election cycle]..." Ms. Toney concludes by affirming future compliance.

Analysis

According to RAD telecoms (written records of telephone conversations), Ms. Toney called RAD on December 12, 2012 to verify the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report filing requirement applied to the Committee. The RAD Analyst clarified that all political action committees are required to file the report in an election year. Ms. Toney acknowledged her misunderstanding of the filing requirement and stated she thought the filing requirement was dependent on the presence of activity during the coverage period.

While Ms. Toney may not have personally understood the filing requirement, Commission records show that on November 10, 2012, a reminder General Election Report Notice was sent to "tom@lu25.org," the email address disclosed on the Committee's most recent Statement of Organization. The reminder notice clearly stated: "All party committees and PACs (nonconnected committees and separate segregated funds) must file a Post-General Election Report."

On December 14, 2012, RAD sent a non-filer notice to the Committee's address of record notifying the respondents that the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report had not been filed. On that same day, the Commission received the Committee's report. The report was mailed via USPS Express Mail with a postmark date of December 13; therefore, the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report was considered filed on December 13, 2012, 7 days late. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(5), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.19(b) and 104.5(e).

Inexperience of committee staff and a committee's failure to know filing dates are included at 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d) as examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond the respondents' control. Their challenge fails to address any of the three valid grounds at 11 C.F.R § 111.35(b). These are: (i) the RTB finding is based on factual errors; and/or (ii) the improper calculation of the civil money penalty; and/or (iii) they used best efforts to file on time but were prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond their control and they filed the report no later than 24 hours after the end of these circumstances. Therefore, the Reviewing Officer recommends that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$145 civil money penalty.

OAR Recommendations

- 1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2684 involving Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- 2) Make a final determination in AF# 2684 that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$145 civil money penalty; and
- 3) Send the appropriate letter.

Acting Reviewing Officer: Rhiannon Magruder

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Challenge Received from Respondents

Attachment 2 –

Attachment 3 - Declaration from RAD

Attachment 4 - Declaration from OAR

DECLARATION OF RHIANNON MAGRUDER

- 1. I am the Acting Reviewing Officer in the Office of Administrative Review for the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Acting Reviewing Officer, I conduct research with respect to all challenges submitted in accordance with the Administrative Fine program.
- 2. The 2012 30 Day Post-General Report is due December 6, 2012. If the report is sent by Express Mail with delivery confirmation, it must be postmarked no later than December 6, 2012 to be timely filed. Reports sent by first class mail must be received by the close of business on December 6, 2012 to be timely filed.
- 3. It is the practice of the Reports Analysis Division to document all calls to or from committees regarding a letter they receive or any questions relating to the FECFile software or administrative fine regulations, including due dates of reports and filing requirements.
- 4. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and that the documents identified herein are the true and accurate copies of:
 - a. Cover Page, Summary Page, and Envelope Replacement Page for Incoming Documents for the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report filed by Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer. According to the Commission's records, the report was filed on December 13, 2012 and covers the period from October 1 through November 26, 2012.
- 5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Washington on the 3rd of June, 2013.

Rhiannon Magruder
Acting Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review
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For further information contact:

This committee free qualified as a multicandidate committee. (see FEC FORM 1M)

Federal Election Commission 969 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

June 3, 2013

W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in official capacity as Treasurer Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25
Federal Political Action Committee Fund 4600 46th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

C00137794

AF#: 2684

Dear Mr. McCune:

On April 1, 2013, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer ("respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$145 based on the schedules of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

After reviewing the written response and any supplemental information submitted by you and Commission staff, the Reviewing Officer has recommended that the Commission make a final determination in this matter. A copy of the Reviewing Officer Recommendation is attached.

You may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within 10 days of the date of this letter. Your written response should be sent to the Commission Secretary, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463 or via facsimile (202-208-3333). Please include the AF # in your response. Your response may not raise any arguments not raised in your original written responsns or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Commission will then make a final determination in these matters.

Please contact me at the toll free number 800-424-9530 (press 0, then press 1660) or 202-694-1660 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rhiannon Magruder Acting Reviewing Officer

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June 19, 2013

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

To:

The Commission

Through:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

From:

Patricia C. Orrock

Chief Compliance Officer

Rhiannon Magruder

Acting Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review

Subject:

Final Determination Recommendation in AF# 2684 - Plumbers and Pipefitters

Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas

McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer (C00137794)

On April 1, 2013, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$145 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On May 10, 2013, the Commission received their written response ("challenge"). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation ("ROR") dated June 3, 2013 was forwarded to the Commission, a copy was forwarded to the respondents, and is hereby incorporated by reference. They submitted no evidence that a factual error was made in the RTB finding, that the penalty was miscalculated at RTB or that they used best efforts to file on time. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). Therefore, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that they violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$145.

Within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation, they may file a written response with the Commission Secretary which may not raise any arguments not raised in their challenge or not directly responsive to the ROR. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Committee has indicated it plans to pay the \$145 civil money penalty.

OAR Recommendations

- 1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2684 involving Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- 2) Make a final determination in AF# 2684 that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$145 civil money penalty; and
- 3) Send the appropriate letter.

Acting Reviewing Officer: Rhiannon Magruder

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Final Determination Recommendation:) AF 2684
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union)
#25 Federal Political Action Committee)
Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his)
official capacity as Treasurer)
(C00137794))

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 05, 2013, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF# 2684:

- 1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2684 involving Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination.
- 2. Make a final determination in AF# 2684 that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$145 civil money penalty.
- 3. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

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Deputy Secretary of the Commission



July 12, 2013

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

W. Thomas McCune, Jr., in official capacity as Treasurer Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund 4600 46th Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

C00137794 AF#: 2684

Dear Mr. McCune:

On April 1, 2013, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report. By letter dated April 2, 2013, the Commission sent notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at RTB of \$145 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On May 10, 2013, the Office of Administrative Review received your written response, challenging the RTB finding.

The Reviewing Officer reviewed the Commission's RTB finding with its supporting documentation and the written response. Based on this review, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty in the amount of \$145 in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The basis for the Reviewing Officer's recommendation was included in the Final Determination Report, a copy of which was sent to you on June 3, 2013.

On July 5, 2013, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer's recommendation and made a final determination that Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assessed a civil money penalty of \$145. It is based on the same factors used to calculate the civil money penalty at RTB. A copy of the final determination recommendation is attached.

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, to the district court of the United States for the district in which the committee or you reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 CFR § 111.38.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as aroended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within 30 days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within 5 days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact you to request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 28% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance firm, along with your payment, to the address on page 4 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination.

5. Settlement Offers

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty as an offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, the offer is herewith rejected despite any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 CFR § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at anytime following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Rhiannon Magruder on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Ellen L. Weintraul

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$145 for the 2012 30 Day Post-General Report.

This penalty should be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission PO Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC # 979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The form and payment are due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTs). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on the check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #25 Federal Political Action Committee Fund

FEC ID#: C00137794

AF#: 2684

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$145

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